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. . . and build them into a pair of smashing triphammers! Look at these arms I gave George Urban

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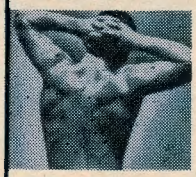
I Take Your BACK

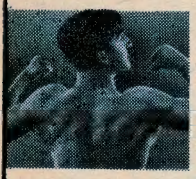
. . . and give it solid, tiger-man power! Look at the back of my pupil Pete Morgan



Here's a pupil who won one of my Silver Cups — Pete Morgan of Washington. Wouldn't YOU like to have a powerful back like this? Let "Dynamic Tension" turn the trick for you . . . in just 15 minutes a day.

I Take Your SHOULDERS

. . . and mould them into a powerful bridge of strength! See what I did for Adnan Zabadeh



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WHAT A GIRL!

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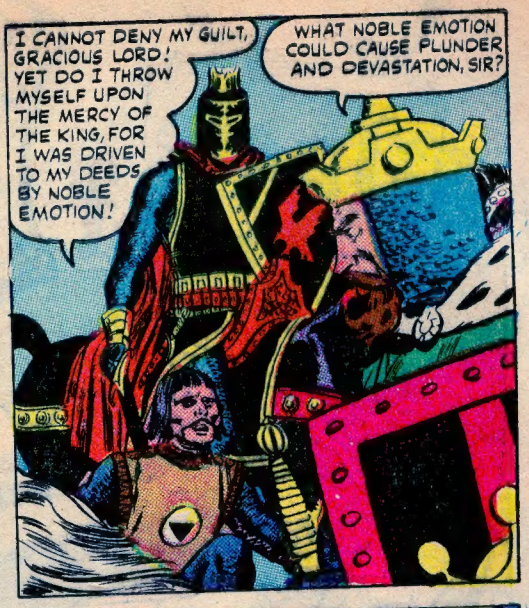
Black Knight
A PLEA HAD COME TO KING ARTHUR PENDRAGON, TO SMASH SIR GUY WANDERELL AND HIS FORCES, FOR HE WAS ATTACKING AND PLUNDERING LESSER BARONIES AND DEVASTATING THE COUNTRYSIDE! THEN DID THE KING RALLY HIS KNIGHTS AND MEN-AT-ARMS AND ATTACK CASTLE WANDERELL! NEVER DID HE DREAM THAT THIS ACT WOULD LEAD TO BETRAYAL AND THE OUTLAWING OF THE MOST VALIANT NOBLE OF THEM ALL...
THE BLACK KNIGHT!
BLACK KNIGHT #4
G960
SIR GUY HAS FALLEN!
RETREAT! ALL IS LOST! THE FIELD IS TO THE KING AND THE BLACK KNIGHT!
ONCE AGAIN THOU HAST SAVED ME! EVER DOES THE DEBT I OWE YOU GROW GREATER, SIR BLACK KNIGHT!
NAY, THE DEBT IS MINE, MY LORD! NO GREATER PRIVILEGE COULD BE GRANTED ANY MAN THAN TO RIDE HERE AT ARTHUR'S RIGHT HAND!


I CANNOT DENY MY GUILT, GRACIOUS LORD! YET DO I THROW MYSELF UPON THE MERCY OF THE KING, FOR I WAS DRIVEN TO MY DEEDS BY NOBLE EMOTION!
WHAT NOBLE EMOTION COULD CAUSE PLUNDER AND DEVASTATION, SIR?

I FELL IN LOVE WITH THY WARD, THE LADY ROSAMUND! MINE IS A SMALL BARONY...SO, DRIVEN BY MY LOVE, I ATTEMPTED TO ACQUIRE GREATER HOLDINGS AND FILL MY COFFERS WITH GOLD TO LAY AT THE GRACIOUS LADY'S FEET!
'TIS AN INSULT TO HEAR HER FAIR NAME ON SUCH BASE LIPS!

THE CRAFTY PLEA OF THE RENEGADE KNIGHT COULD NOT BE DENIED BY ONE AS NOBLE AS ARTHUR PENDRAGON!
YOU ASPIRE HIGH FOR ONE SO LOW! NEVER SPEAK THE LADY'S NAME AGAIN, WANDERELL! YET I AM NOT SENSELESS TO YOUR PLEA, FOR I KNOW THE POWER OF LOVE! THEREFORE THIS BE MY DECREE...

KEEP WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THINE OWN LAND AND NEVER AGAIN COVET THAT WHICH IS ANOTHER'S! SHOULD YOU EVER AGAIN OVERSTEP THE BOUNDS OF THESE COMMANDS, I SHALL COME IN FORCE AND BRING YOU TO THE DUNGEONS OF CAMELOT IN CHAINS!

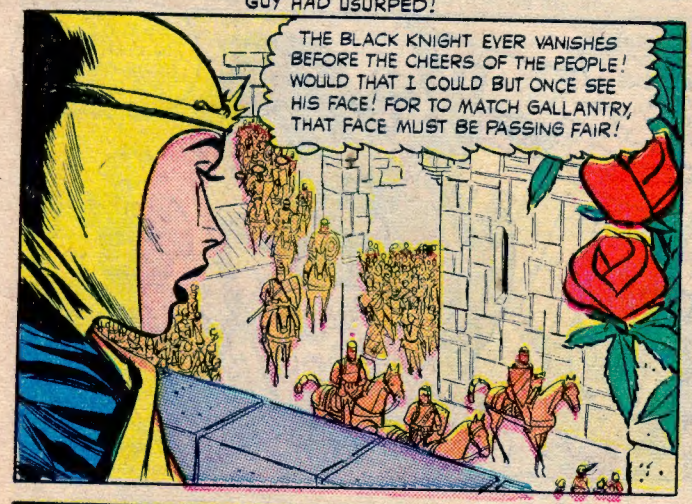
SO THE JUST KING, HIS KNIGHTS AND MEN-AT-ARMS, QUITTED CASTLE WANDERELL, VICTORIOUS!

WERE IT NOT FOR THE BLACK KNIGHT, I SHOULD HAVE FELLED THE KING! LUCKILY I THOUGHT OF THAT EXCUSE! LOVE, BAH! WHAT I WANT IS POWER! STILL, MARRIAGE TO LADY ROSAMUND WOULD GIVE ME THAT POWER, FOR SHE HAS LARGE HOLDINGS!

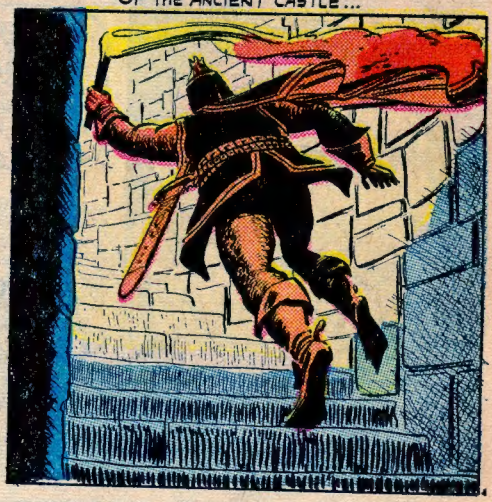
IF I BUT KNEW THE IDENTITY OF THE BLACK KNIGHT, SO I COULD REVENGE MYSELF UPON HIM! BUT WAIT, NONE KNOWS HIS IDENTITY, NOT EVEN THE KING! THIS BRINGS A PRETTY IDEA TO MIND!

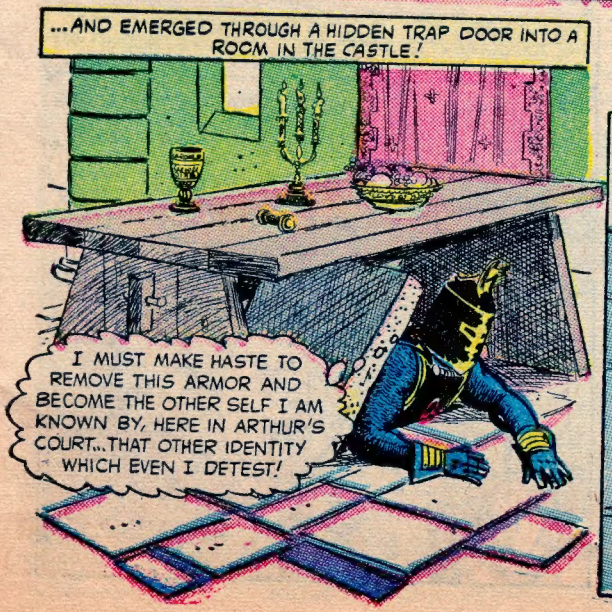
ERE NIGHT HAS FALLEN, ANOTHER BLACK KNIGHT SHALL RIDE, AND THE REPUTATION OF THE TRUE BLACK KNIGHT WHO FOILED ME THIS DAY, SHALL BE BLACKENED TO MATCH HIS ARMOR!

AT CAMELOT, VICTORIOUS ARTHUR RODE INTO THE CASTLE TO THE CHEERS OF THE CASTLE PERSONNEL AND THE KNIGHTS WHOSE PROPERTY SIR GUY HAD USURPED!


THE BLACK KNIGHT EVER VANISHES BEFORE THE CHEERS OF THE PEOPLE! WOULD THAT I COULD BUT ONCE SEE HIS FACE! FOR TO MATCH GALLANTRY, THAT FACE MUST BE PASSING FAIR!

WHILE THE TUMULT IN THE COURTYARD CONTINUED, THE BLACK KNIGHT RAN THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGE OF THE ANCIENT CASTLE...




...AND EMERGED THROUGH A HIDDEN TRAP DOOR INTO A ROOM IN THE CASTLE!
I MUST MAKE HASTE TO REMOVE THIS ARMOR AND BECOME THE OTHER SELF I AM KNOWN BY, HERE IN ARTHUR'S COURT...THAT OTHER IDENTITY WHICH EVEN I DETEST!

THE EBONY ARMOR AND MIGHTY SWORD OF THE BLACK KNIGHT SECURELY HIDDEN, THE WEAKLING, SIR PERCY OF SCANDIA, STEPPED LANGUIDLY THROUGH THE DOOR OF THAT ROOM OF DOUBLE IDENTITY...

SUCH EMOTIONALISM OVER THE RETURNING WARRIORS! WHY SHOULD THEY NOT RESERVE THEIR HUZZAHS FOR SOMETHING OF TRUE MEANING... SUCH AS MY ODES AND MADRIGALS!
THE PEOPLE PREFER GALLANTRY TO POETRY, AND COURAGE TO COWARDICE... AS DO I!

'TIS A PITY, SIR PERCY, YOU ARE NOT AS ADEPT AT TURNING A SWORD AS THOU ART AT TURNING A PHRASE!

IN HER HAND SHE HOLDS MY HEART! YET SHE HOLDS ME IN CONTEMPT FOR WHAT I **SEEM** TO BE! WILL THE TIME EVER COME WHEN I CAN REVEAL TO HER WHO I **REALLY** AM?

MY LORD KING! MY CARAVAN OF GOODS AND GOLD WAS ATTACKED BY THE BLACK KNIGHT AND ALL LOST!

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!

NOW WHAT IS THIS? WHO USES MY IDENTITY FOR MISCHIEF... AND WHY?

BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED, MURMURS AROSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE! THE BLACK KNIGHT STRUCK AGAIN! AND SUCH WAS HIS REPUTATION, THAT RESISTANCE TO HIS SWORD WAS BUT HALF-HEARTED!

LANDLORD, BRING ME YOUR GOLD! MAKE HASTE ERE I PULL DOWN THIS PLACE AROUND YOUR HEAD!

'TIS THE BLACK KNIGHT! FLEE! NONE CAN RESIST HIS SWORD!

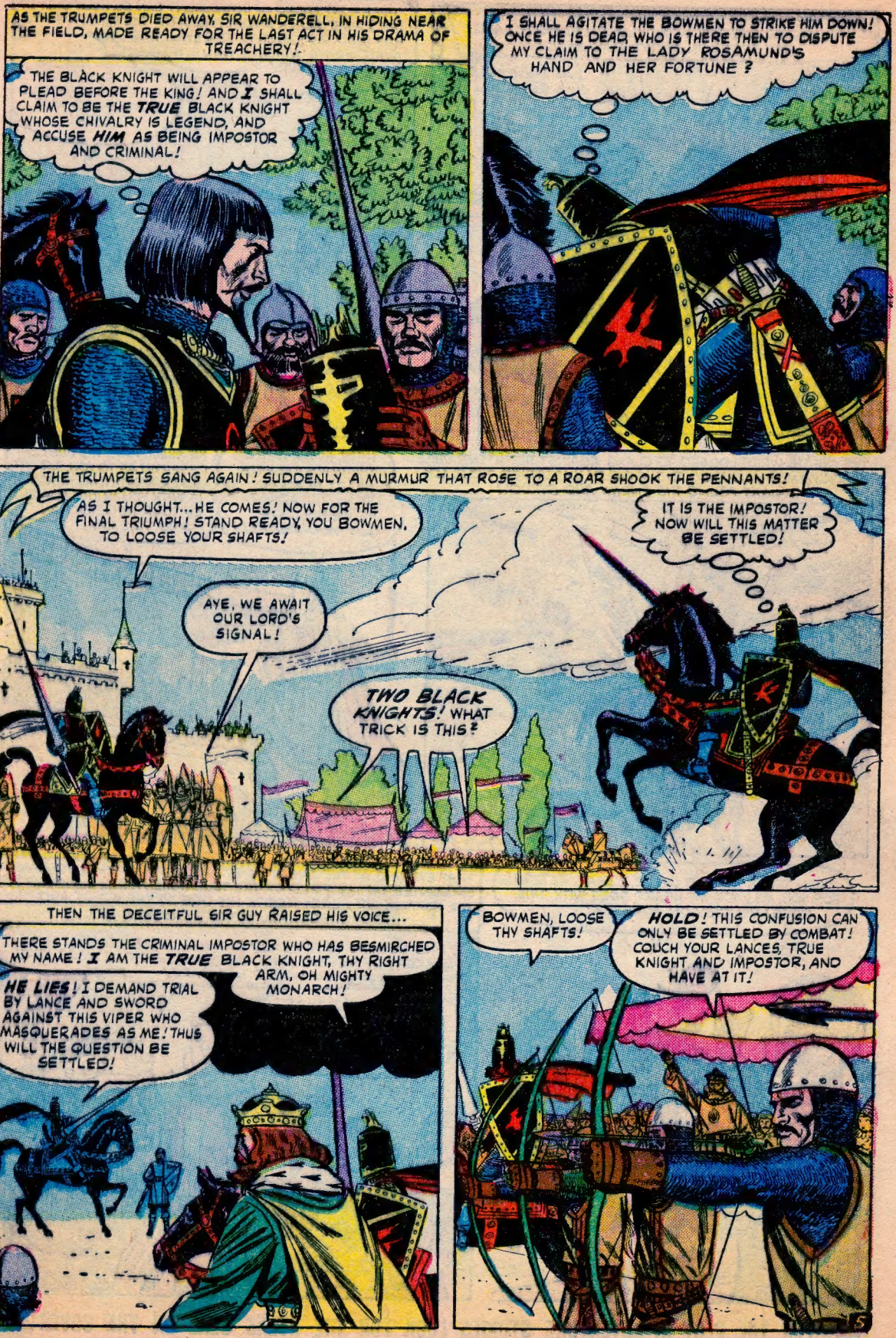
AND AS THE CRIMES PROGRESSED, THE PEOPLE PRESSED THEIR KING TO DECLARE THE BLACK KNIGHT OUTLAWED! SO IN THE GREAT ARENA WHERE THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES WAS TO BE HELD...

...AND THOUGH I CANNOT UNDERSTAND THIS CHANGE IN ONE OF MY PEOPLE UPON WHOM THESE DIRE DEEDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, I DO HEREBY DECLARE THE BLACK KNIGHT OUTLAWED!

THE TRUMPETS BLARED TO THE CHEERING OF THE CROWD! THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, THAT THRILLING PAGEANT OF CHIVALRY, BEGAN!

SIRE, I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS OF SO NOBLE A KNIGHT! SOMEHOW THE BLACK KNIGHT HAS BEEN BETRAYED!

WOULD THAT MY GOOD MERLIN WERE HERE TO COUNSEL ME! BUT HE GROWS OLD AND IS AT THE HOT SPRINGS TO THE SOUTH TO EASE THE PAIN IN HIS JOINTS, WHICH EVEN HIS MAGIC CANNOT DISPEL!


AS THE TRUMPETS DIED AWAY, SIR WANDERELL, IN HIDING NEAR THE FIELD, MADE READY FOR THE LAST ACT IN HIS DRAMA OF TREACHERY!
THE BLACK KNIGHT WILL APPEAR TO PLEAD BEFORE THE KING! AND I SHALL CLAIM TO BE THE TRUE BLACK KNIGHT WHOSE CHIVALRY IS LEGEND, AND ACCUSE HIM AS BEING IMPOSTOR AND CRIMINAL!
I SHALL AGITATE THE BOWMEN TO STRIKE HIM DOWN! ONCE HE IS DEAD, WHO IS THERE THEN TO DISPUTE MY CLAIM TO THE LADY ROSAMUND'S HAND AND HER FORTUNE?
THE TRUMPETS SANG AGAIN! SUDDENLY A MURMUR THAT ROSE TO A ROAR SHOOK THE PENNANTS!
AS I THOUGHT... HE COMES! NOW FOR THE FINAL TRIUMPH! STAND READY, YOU BOWMEN, TO LOOSE YOUR SHAFTS!
AYE, WE AWAIT OUR LORD'S SIGNAL!
TWO BLACK KNIGHTS! WHAT TRICK IS THIS?
IT IS THE IMPOSTOR! NOW WILL THIS MATTER BE SETTLED!
THEN THE DECEITFUL SIR GUY RAISED HIS VOICE...
THERE STANDS THE CRIMINAL IMPOSTOR WHO HAS BESMIRCHED MY NAME! I AM THE TRUE BLACK KNIGHT, THY RIGHT ARM, OH MIGHTY MONARCH!
HE LIES! I DEMAND TRIAL BY LANCE AND SWORD AGAINST THIS VIPER WHO MASQUERADES AS ME! THUS WILL THE QUESTION BE SETTLED!
BOWMEN, LOOSE THY SHAFTS!
HOLD! THIS CONFUSION CAN ONLY BE SETTLED BY COMBAT! COUCH YOUR LANCES, TRUE KNIGHT AND IMPOSTOR, AND HAVE AT IT!
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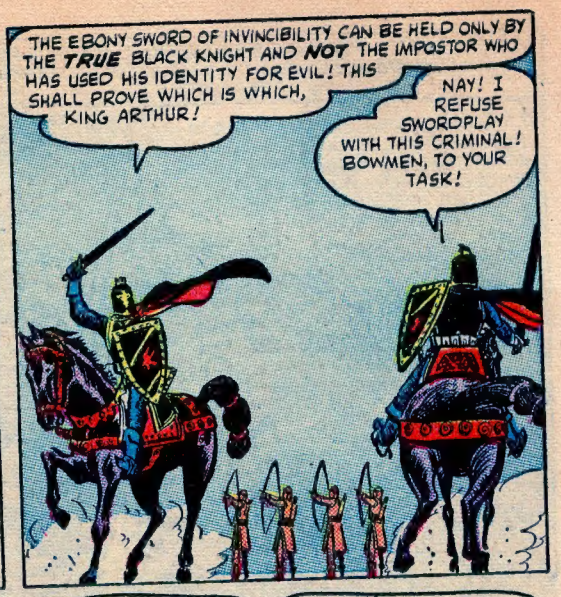
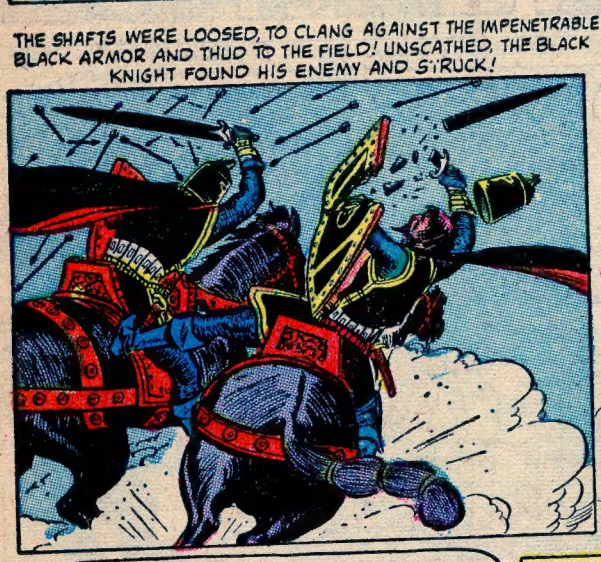
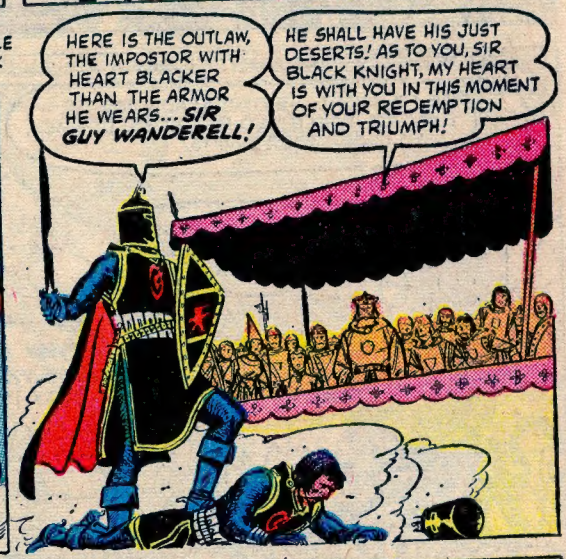
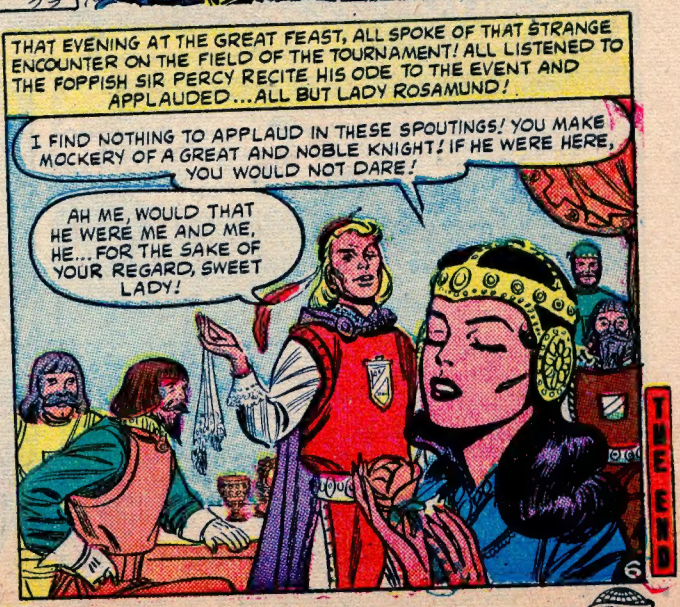

THE EBONY SWORD OF INVINCIBILITY CAN BE HELD ONLY BY THE TRUE BLACK KNIGHT AND NOT THE IMPOSTOR WHO HAS USED HIS IDENTITY FOR EVIL! THIS SHALL PROVE WHICH IS WHICH, KING ARTHUR!
NAY! I REFUSE SWORDPLAY WITH THIS CRIMINAL! BOWMEN, TO YOUR TASK!


THE SHAFTS WERE LOOSED, TO CLANG AGAINST THE IMPENETRABLE BLACK ARMOR AND THUD TO THE FIELD! UNSCATHED, THE BLACK KNIGHT FOUND HIS ENEMY AND STRUCK!


HERE IS THE OUTLAW, THE IMPOSTOR WITH HEART BLACKER THAN THE ARMOR HE WEARS... SIR GUY WANDERELL!
HE SHALL HAVE HIS JUST DESERTS! AS TO YOU, SIR BLACK KNIGHT, MY HEART IS WITH YOU IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR REDEMPTION AND TRIUMPH!


THAT EVENING AT THE GREAT FEAST, ALL SPOKE OF THAT STRANGE ENCOUNTER ON THE FIELD OF THE TOURNAMENT! ALL LISTENED TO THE FOPPISH SIR PERCY RECITE HIS ODE TO THE EVENT AND APPLAUDED... ALL BUT LADY ROSAMUND!
I FIND NOTHING TO APPLAUD IN THESE SPOUTINGS! YOU MAKE MOCKERY OF A GREAT AND NOBLE KNIGHT! IF HE WERE HERE, YOU WOULD NOT DARE!
AH ME, WOULD THAT HE WERE ME AND ME, HE... FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR REGARD, SWEET LADY!
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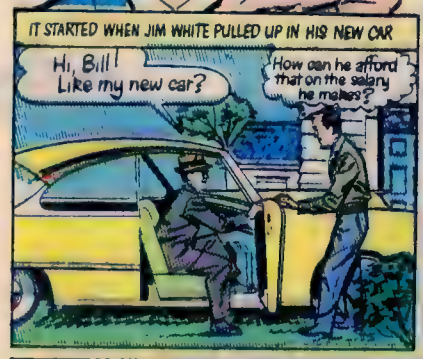

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GOSH! Can I make money that way?

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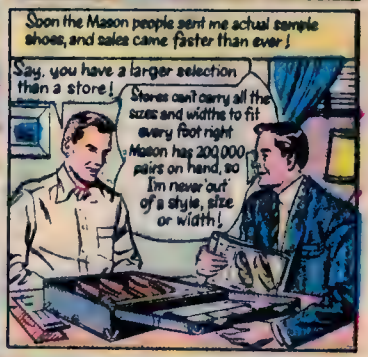
Say, I'd like those shoes. You sure have swell styles, my right size, too!


Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample shoes, and sales came faster than ever!
Say, you have a larger selection than a store!
Stores can't carry all the sizes and widths to fit every foot right. Mason has 200,000 pairs on hand, so I'm never out of a style, size or width!

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Hello, Mr. Jones. It's been 2 months since I've called on you.
Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Time I was getting another pair of Mason shoes.
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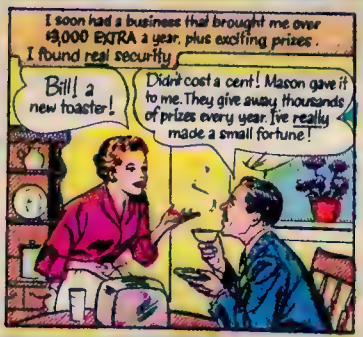
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HOLD, DE MONTFORT! THIS MAN HAS DONE NO HARM!
RETURNING FROM A TOURNAMENT AFIELD, A BEGGAR WAS MET ON THE ROAD NEAR THE DESERTED BLACK CASTLE...AND THE BLACK KNIGHT'S INTERFERENCE IN BEHALF OF THE BEGGAR CHANGED THE DESTINY OF ENGLAND! HERE IS THE COLOR AND SPLENDOR OF AN AGE WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER! HERE ECHOES THE POUNDING HOOFS, THE HISS OF ARROWS, THE CLANG OF ARMOR, THE CRIES AND GALLANTRY OF MEDIEVAL BATTLE!
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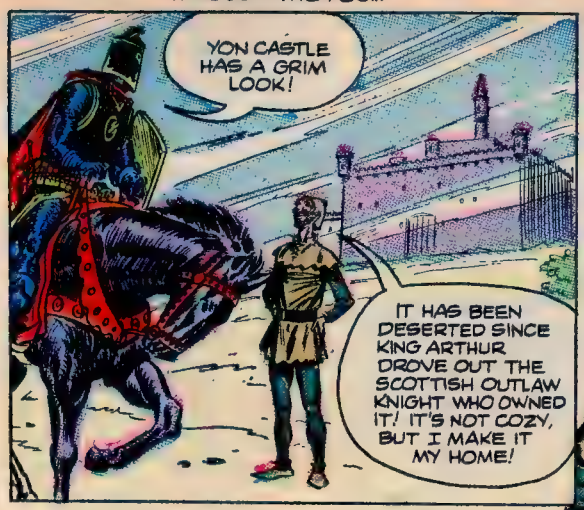
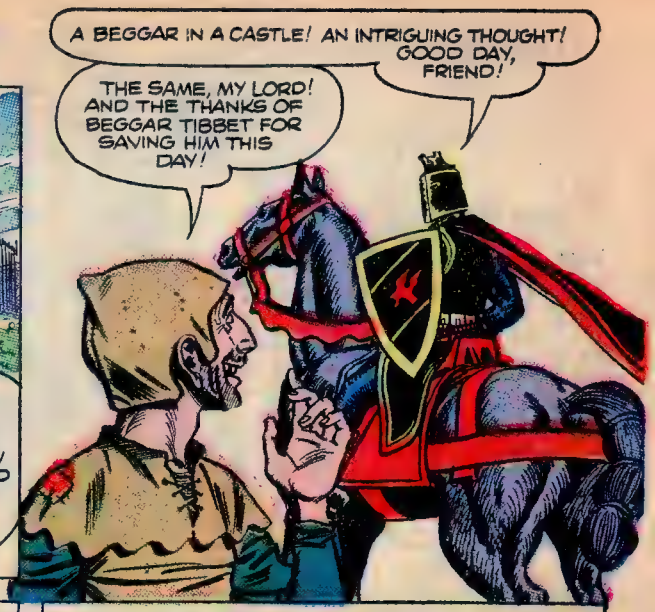
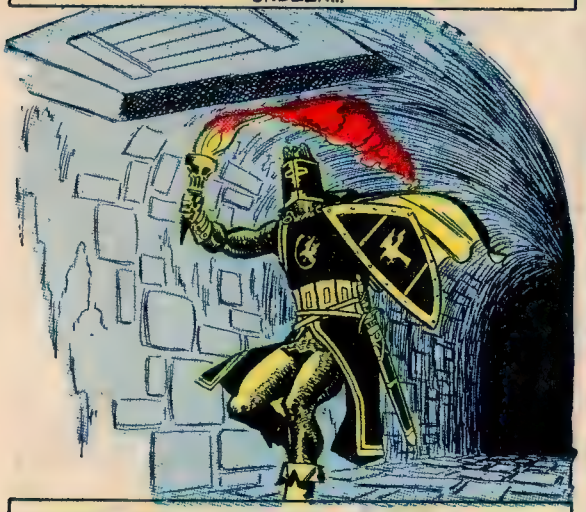
YOU PUSH TOO FAR, FACELESS ONE!
ENOUGH! THE BLACK KNIGHT IS MY RIGHT ARM AND HIGH IN MY FAVOR! WHO CASTS MUD AT HIM DOES TO ME ALSO!
THEN I MUST ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS, SIRE!
'TIS GIVEN! ON TO CAMELOT!

BUT THE BLACK KNIGHT LINGERED A WHILE, INTRIGUED BY THE STRANGE BLACK CASTLE, REARING MISTILY THROUGH THE FOG...

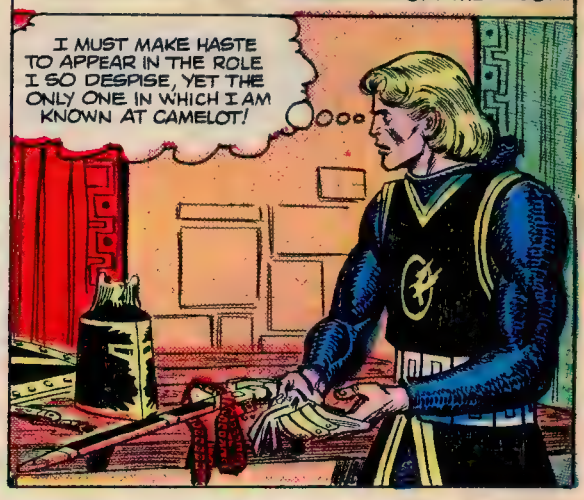

YON CASTLE HAS A GRIM LOOK!
IT HAS BEEN DESERTED SINCE KING ARTHUR DROVE OUT THE SCOTTISH OUTLAW KNIGHT WHO OWNED IT! IT'S NOT COZY, BUT I MAKE IT MY HOME!


A BEGGAR IN A CASTLE! AN INTRIGUING THOUGHT! GOOD DAY, FRIEND!
THE SAME, MY LORD! AND THE THANKS OF BEGGAR TIBBET FOR SAVING HIM THIS DAY!

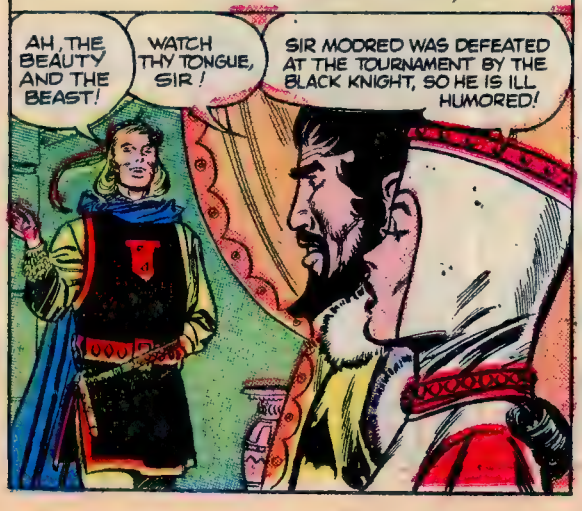
A SHORT TIME LATER, BY DEVIOUS WAYS AND A SECRET PASSAGE, THE BLACK KNIGHT ENTERED CAMELOT CASTLE UNSEEN...



QUICKLY HE RID HIMSELF OF THE BLACK ARMOR, WHILE THE SHADOWS OF NIGHT THICKENED BEYOND THE WINDOW.



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, FROM THAT SAME ROOM CAME SIR PERCY OF SCANDIA, THE WEAKLING OF KING ARTHUR'S COURT!


AH, THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!
WATCH THY TONGUE, SIR!
SIR MODRED WAS DEFEATED AT THE TOURNAMENT BY THE BLACK KNIGHT, SO HE IS ILL HUMORED!

THUS, WHILE SIR PERCY PLAYED THE FOOL AND THE LADY HE LOVED SCORNED HIM, ON THE NEARBY COAST, GALLEYS WERE SLIPPING SILENTLY THROUGH THE FOG...

AND ONTO THAT SHORE, FROM WHICH HE HAD BEEN DRIVEN YEARS BEFORE BY HIS MISDEEDS, STEPPED ONCE AGAIN, THE GIANT, KEVIN MACCAUL, ONCE MASTER OF THE BLACK CASTLE...

SO I COME ONCE MORE TO ENGLAND...TO AVENGE MYSELF UPON ARTHUR! UNLOAD THE BOATS, AND ON TO THE BLACK CASTLE!

FROM THE BOATS THEY CAME, HORDES OF MEN FROM ALL CLIMES, THE OUTCAST FIGHTING MEN OF THE WORLD, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR STRANGE PARAPHERNALIA FOR WAGING WAR...

HURRY, THERE IS MUCH WORK FOR US IN THE NIGHT!

BUT CUNNING EYES WATCHED THEIR LABORS...SAW THE COURIER OF THE BLACK CASTLE'S MASTER HASTEN AWAY WITH THE CHALLENGE TO KING ARTHUR...

HE WILL COME WITH ALL BANNERS FLYING IN ALL KNIGHTLY GALLANTRY, WHILE WE WAIT TO STRIKE WITH OUR SPECIAL WEAPONS! WE WILL CRUSH HIS FORCES AND THEN I SHALL PROCLAIM MYSELF KING OF ALL ENGLAND!

AND WITH THE MORNING, IN ANSWER TO KEVIN MACCAUL'S CHALLENGE, THE KNIGHTS OF CAMELOT RODE FORTH, FLANKED BY PIKEMEN AND ARCHERS, THEIR PENNANTS FLYING BRAVELY IN THE BREEZE...

WELCOME, SIR BLACK KNIGHT! I HOPED YOU WOULD JOIN US!

MY SWORD IS ALWAYS YOURS, MY LIEGE! BUT I LIKE NOT THE LOOKS OF THAT CASTLE!

'TIS I, TIBBET... BEWARE, SIR KNIGHT, BEFORE THE MOAT ARE CONCEALED PITS THAT HIDE MANY BEASTS...THE KING IS ALMOST ON THEM!

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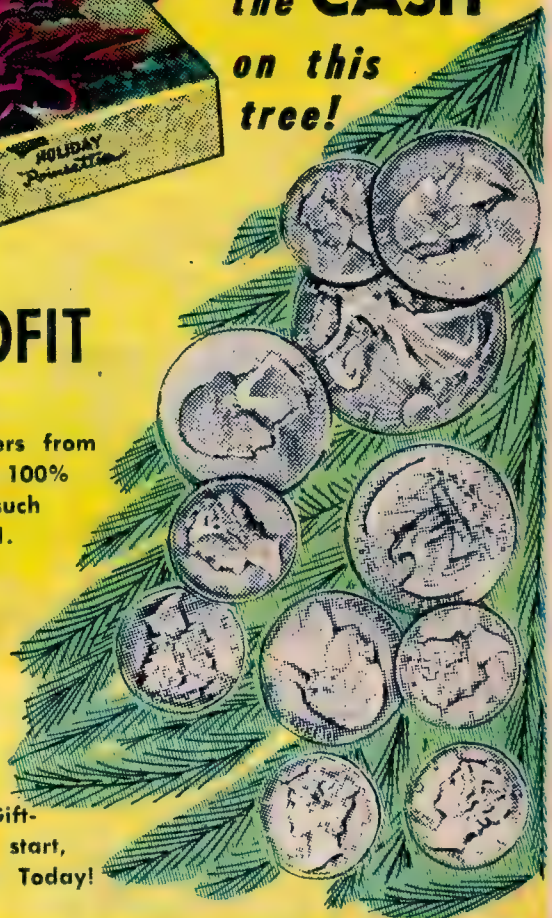

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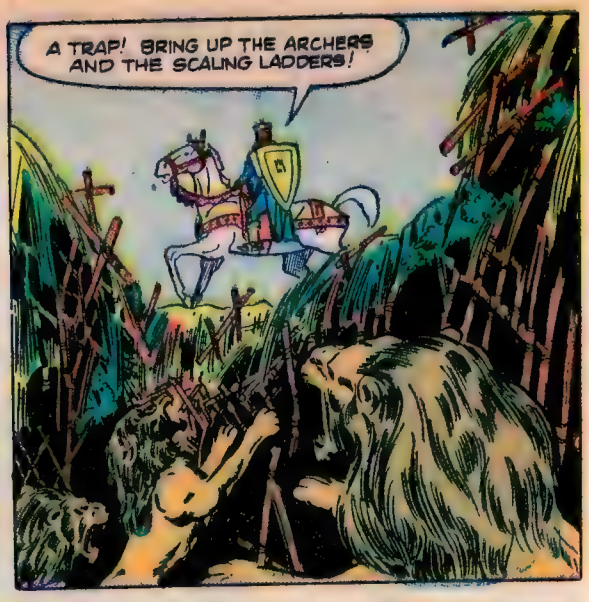
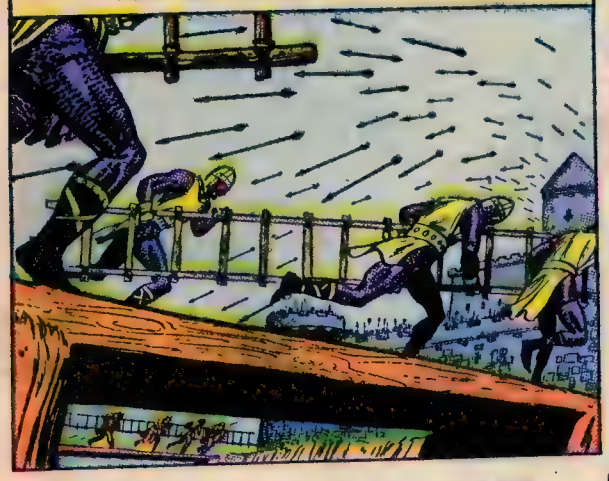
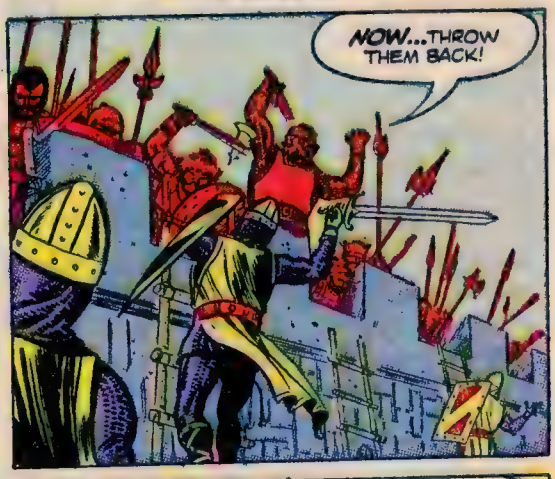
UNDER THE QUICK THRUST OF SPUR, THE GREAT BLACK MOUNT LEAPED FORWARD...A MAILED HAND GRABBED THE BRIDLE...



THE AIR FLEW THICK WITH ARROWS, AS A QUICK BRIDGE WAS THRUST ACROSS THE PITS AND ANOTHER ACROSS THE MOAT...



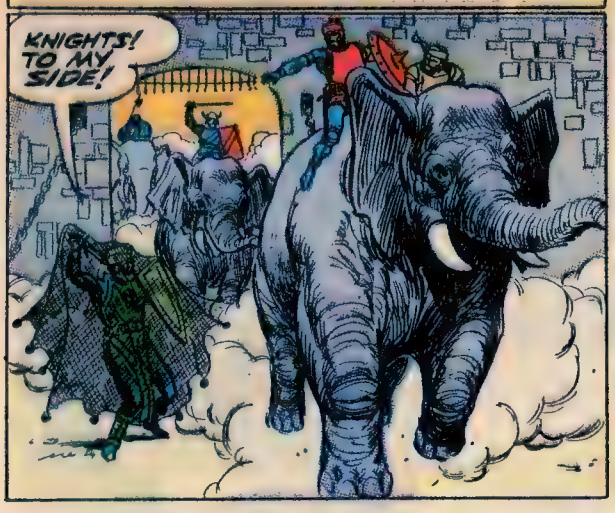
A HUGE CATAPULT INSIDE THE BLACK WALLS HURLED STONES INTO THE RANKS OF ARTHUR'S MEN, WHILE ON THE WALLS MACCAUL WAITED FOR THE KING'S SCALING LADDERS TO BE SET...



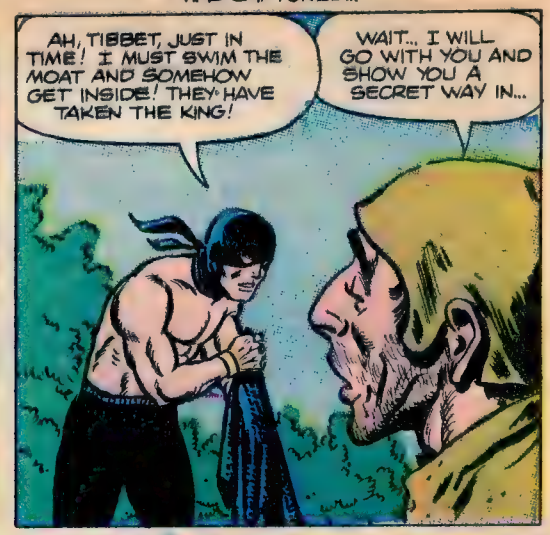
AND AS ARTHUR'S MEN DREW CLOSE TO THE TOP...

IF YOU HAVE TRUE COURAGE, GATHER YOUR KNIGHTS AND MEET US IN OPEN BATTLE!
OPEN BATTLE...NEVER! I WAGE WAR ON MY OWN TERMS! THIS WILL BE A GRIM BATTLE TO THE FINISH!

SUDDENLY THE DRAWBRIDGE FELL, THE PORTCULLIS CLANGED OPEN...AND OUT OF THE BLACK CASTLE CHARGED A HERD OF ELEPHANTS...

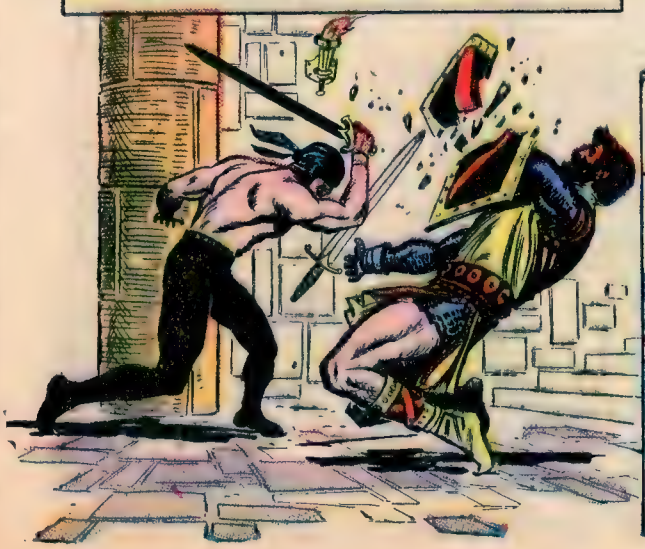


HELPLESS IN THE BINDING NET, ARTHUR PENDRAGON WAS CAPTURED...


AH, TIBBET, JUST IN TIME! I MUST SWIM THE MOAT AND SOMEHOW GET INSIDE! THEY HAVE TAKEN THE KING!
WAIT... I WILL GO WITH YOU AND SHOW YOU A SECRET WAY IN...

A MOMENT LATER THE BLACK KNIGHT AND THE BEGGAR WERE SWIMMING ACCROSS THE MOAT...

THE EBON BLADE SANG THROUGH THE AIR...



AND AS HE LAY ON THE COBBLED FLOOR, AGAIN THE SWORD FLASHED, FREEING KING ARTHUR OF HIS CHAINS! WITHOUT, THE DOOR SHOOK FROM THE BLOWS OF MACCAUL'S MEN!

THIS WAY, NOBLE SIRS!
WE MUST JOIN OUR FORCES QUICKLY, PRETEND RETREAT SO AS TO BRING MACCAUL'S HORDES INTO THE OPEN... THEN ENGAGE THEM IN BATTLE!

AND SO IT HAPPENED! ARTHUR'S CAVALCADE PRETENDED TO RETREAT, THEN TURNED SUDDENLY AND STRUCK AT THE WARRIORS BEHIND THEM...
PENDRAGON FOREVER!
THE PENNANTS DIPPED AND RIPPLED AND DUST CLOUDED HIGH... AND EVERYWHERE WAS THE BLACK KNIGHT...
NO STEEL, NO SHIELD COULD STOP THOSE MIGHTY SWORDS, ARTHUR'S EXCALIBUR AND THE BLACK BLADE!
AND THEN IT WAS DONE, THE GIANT OUTLAW AND HIS OUTCAST HORDES STOOD DEFEATED! THE FIELD BELONGED TO CAMELOT...
KEVIN MACCAUL, ONCE AGAIN I BANISH YOU FROM ENGLAND'S SOIL! DARE ONCE AGAIN TO SET FOOT ON THESE SHORES AND YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE ALIVE!
THAT NIGHT IN THE GREAT HALL OF CAMELOT CASTLE A FEAST WAS PREPARED IN HONOR OF THE VICTORY! A RAGGED LITTLE BEGGAR NAMED TIBBET SAT ON THE KING'S LEFT, WHILE BEHIND THE THRONE, HIS BRUISES CLEVERLY HIDDEN WAS THE SMILING SIR PERCY...
I BUT WISH THE BLACK KNIGHT WERE HERE ON MY RIGHT...BUT HE HAS DISAPPEARED AS ALWAYS!
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THE hot afternoon sun streamed across the dunes to bathe the camp of Richard, Coeur de Lion and his Crusaders in a red desert glow. All seemed still among the long rows of silken tents. The flags of the knights and their followers fluttered aimlessly in the light wind, and the colors of the shields set at angles outside the tents reflected the bleak hills beyond. A horse whinnied behind the camp and the tired sentry averted his eyes to look in the direction of the stables.

No one saw the turbaned head rise behind the rack of spears. No one perceived in the glare of the fading sun, the sand-shaded robe dart quickly from behind the rack and forward a few paces in the shadow of one of the farthest tents.

"Hmmph," the figure behind the tent heard the guard mutter. "It is already sunset and the relief guard has not yet approached." The sentry's face was now barely visible in the deep purple shadow beneath his visor. As he turned his back, the figure moved again . . . this time from behind the tent to the side of a reclining camel, dozing in the evening coolness.

As the sentry grew increasingly annoyed, he muttered and grumbled, always coming closer and closer to the hidden Moslem. As the torches were lit in the camp, the guard suddenly picked up a small stone.

"Camels," he shouted, vexed. "How I long for the sight of a good Lancashire horse again." His arm drew back for the throw. "There, you desert beast," he cried as the stone sped through the air. "Let's see if this will wake you up."

The stone landed in the sand a scant few inches from the beast's head, spattering dry sand into his face. Frightened for the moment, the great camel shook himself, and in a second raised his head awkwardly and struggled to his feet. The Moslem was left exposed to the sight of the sentry, confused.

"Oh ho, what's this?" the guard shouted, and lowered his spear toward the fugitive and approached him.

As he neared, the draped figure glanced quickly from side to side seeking a way to escape.

"Oh, no you don't, you spy," the guard quickly sensed his motives. "There shall be no escape for you. The king will want to have words with you before you leave this place."

From a few yards beyond, down the dusty lane of the camp, a torch approached . . . the relief guard was coming.

"Ho," the guard shouted without turning his head from the captured Moslem. "We have a prize to show to Richard."

The new sentry joined his companion and in curiosity lifted the torch higher so that the flame flickered across the dusky face of the captive. The dark eyes darted from one guard to the other, then in a quick gesture, he knocked the torch out of the hand of the sentry. As it fell to the desert floor, he pushed the other out of the way and started to run across the narrow clearing between the tents.

"HOLD! HOLD!" the guards cried, and spread the alarm throughout the camp, quickly and efficiently.

Within minutes, every torch in the camp was lit and the knights had come out of their tents, the swords glittering in the light of the flames. Word filtered through the silken flags covering the tent of Richard, the lion-hearted king of England.

"A spy, my liege," Sir Robert announced gravely as he lifted the flap of the king's tent. "He was caught at the Eastern edge of camp by two guards, but unfortunately he escaped them."

King Richard's brow furrowed. "A spy?" he questioned. "Bring the guards to me . . . I would speak with them."

"Yes, my liege," Sir Robert obeyed, and before long, the two crestfallen guards appeared before the king.

Richard commanded, "Tell me only, if you can, the manner of man you saw at the edge of the camp."

"He was a Moslem, your highness," one of the guards volunteered.

"A true spy, if I may say so, my liege."

"So it may be," the king answered impatiently, "but describe more accurately his appearance."

"He wore a turban."

"And he had as raiment a dirty desert robe."

The king waited for more.

"His face was dark," one added quickly.

"As were his eyes," the other said.

"And this is all you have to say?" the king asked annoyed.

"One of these desert natives looks just like the other to us,

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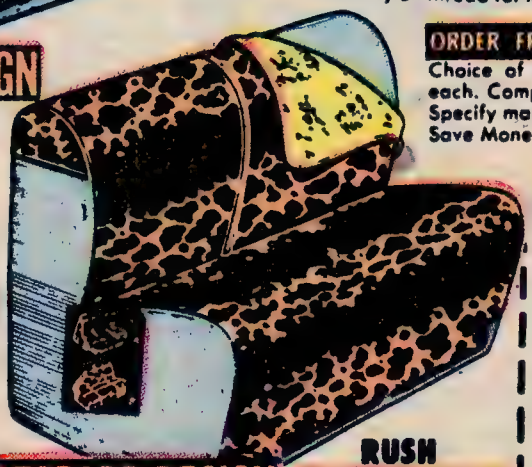

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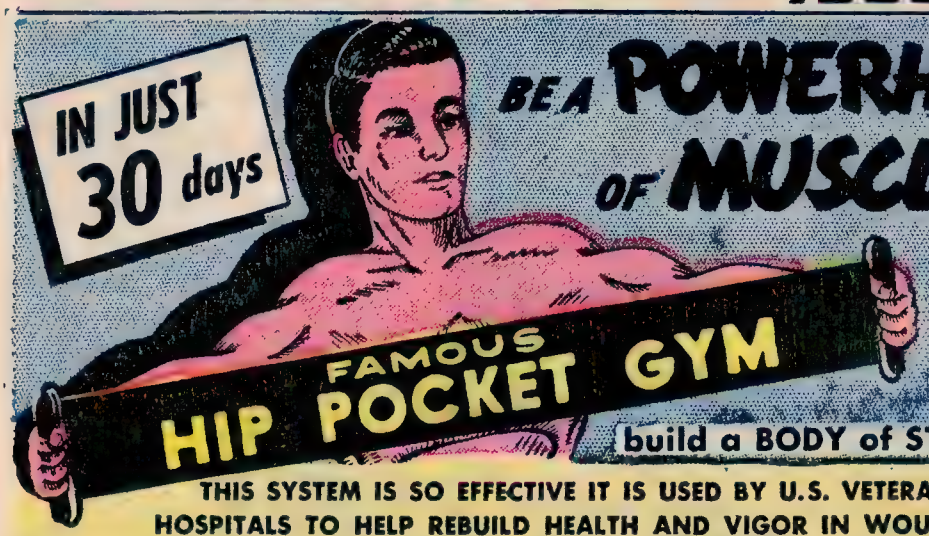

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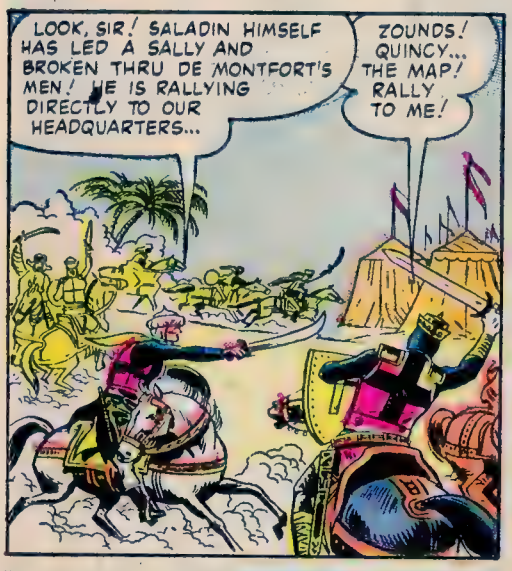
The CRUSADER

ON THIS MAP IS TRACED OUR LINE OF MARCH AND OUR SECRET SUPPLY BASES! SHOULD OUR MOSLEM ENEMY TAKE THIS MAP, THIS CRUSADE WILL SUFFER GRAVE DEFEAT...
A MAN AND A MAP IN THE HANDS OF SALADIN, MOSLEM LEADER! A TRAITOR IN KING RICHARD'S OWN CAMP! AND BETWEEN DEFEAT AND VICTORY STOOD BUT ONE MAN AND HIS SWORD... A MAN WHO HAD BEEN RAISED A MOSLEM UNTIL HIS CHRISTIAN BIRTHRIGHT HAD BEEN REVEALED TO HIM... THE MAN KNOWN TO HISTORY AS THE CRUSADER!

NOT THOU, QUINCY! THY WOUND FORBIDS IT! STAY AND GUARD THIS PRECIOUS MAP! YOUR KNIGHTS SHALL RIDE BEHIND MYSELF AND SIR CRUSADER!
MY KNIGHTS COULD NOT WANT FOR MORE GALLANT WARRIORS TO LEAD THEM! THE MAP I SHALL GUARD WITH MY LIFE, RICHARD COEUR DE LION!

OUTSIDE, THE SARACEN HORDES ON THEIR SWIFT ARAB STEEDS, STRUCK WITH THE SPEED OF AN ARROW IN FLIGHT!

WHILE KING RICHARD AND THE CRUSADER LED THEIR MEN INTO BATTLE...


LOOK, SIR! SALADIN HIMSELF HAS LED A SALLY AND BROKEN THRU DE MONTFORT'S MEN! HE IS RALLYING DIRECTLY TO OUR HEADQUARTERS...
ZOUNDS! QUINCY... THE MAP! RALLY TO ME!

NO USE! THEIR SWIFT STEEDS CAN NEVER BE OVERTAKEN BY THESE MOUNTS OF OURS! OUR CAMPAIGN IS SHATTERED!
NOT YET, SIRE! QUINCY AND THE MAP MUST BE RESCUED!

SUCH AN UNDERTAKING BY ANY OF US WOULD NEVER SUCCEED!
BUT NOT FOR ONE WHO WAS BROUGHT UP AMONGST THE MOSLEMS, WHO KNOWS THEIR WAYS AND LANGUAGE! QUINCY WILL BE TAKEN CAPTIVE TO KALADAH, SALADIN'S HEADQUARTERS! IN DISGUISE I WILL JOURNEY THERE, AND ATTEMPT TO RESCUE HIM!
THE MOSLEM HORDES HAVE BROKEN AND RETREATED INTO THE DESERT!
THIS WAS BUT A SKIRMISH TO SALADIN! HE ENJOYS A BATTLE AS THOUGH IT WERE PLAY!
FORTUNO, I HAVE A MISSION FOR YOU! GO THOU TO SALADIN AND TELL HIM THE ONE WHO WAS EL ALAMAIN, BUT NOW KNOWN AS THE CRUSADER, IS COMING AMONGST HIS MEN IN DISGUISE TO RESCUE SIR QUINCY!
BUT MAKE NO MENTION OF THE MAP TRACED ON THE LOINCLOTH QUINCY WEARS! I DO NOT WANT THE CRUSADE TO FAIL! I ONLY WANT THIS CURSED CRUSADER OUT OF THE WAY SO I CAN LATER STRIKE AT RICHARD AND MAKE MYSELF LEADER OF THE CRUSADE!
BUT FIRST I MUST LEARN WHAT DISGUISE THE CRUSADER WILL BE WEARING!
INSIDE RICHARD'S TENT...
AMAZING! UNDER SUCH A DISGUISE NONE WOULD KNOW IT IS TRULY SIR CRUSADER!
AS A HALF-WITTED BEGGAR MAN, I SHALL EASILY ENTER SALADIN'S CAMP, LEARN WHERE SIR QUINCY IS HELD, AND EFFECT HIS RESCUE!
ON YOUR SUCCESS HINGES THE FATE OF THIS CAMPAIGN! FAREWELL!
THERE IS THE CRUSADER IN DISGUISE! GO AND FAIL NOT, FORTUNO!

THREE DAYS LATER, WHILE THE MOSLEM CARAVAN STOPPED FOR WATER ON THE WAY TO KALADAH, A FILTHY, DEMENTED BEGGAR RODE INTO THE CAMP!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, HERE, BEGGAR?
ALMS! FOR THE LOVE OF ALLAH, ALMS I BEG OF YOU!
AWAY FROM HIM, BEGGAR! BEGONE!
FEAR NOT, ABDULLAH! WHAT HARM IS THERE IN A HALF-WITTED OLD MAN?
QUINCY, TIS I, THE CRUSADER! I WILL CUT THY BONDS... AND ENGAGE THE GUARDS IN SWORDPLAY! WHILE I DO, MOUNT THE NEAREST HORSE AND FLEE WEST TO RICHARD'S CAMP AND SAFETY!
CRUSADER! I HEAR...
AND IN SALADIN'S TENT...
I TELL YOU, GREAT SALADIN, THE CRUSADER, OR EL ALAMAIN, IS EVEN NOW IN YOUR CAMP IN DISGUISE!
WE WILL INVESTIGATE, BUT I DISLIKE MEN LIKE YOU ...INFORMERS WITHOUT HONOR! COME, AND BRING HIM, TOO!
NOW!
THERE! 'TIS THE CRUSADER, FREEING QUINCY!
THE PRISONER...
DE MONTFORT'S HIRELING, FORTUNO, WITH SALADIN! SO THAT'S HIS GAME!

THE FAMOUS SARACEN BLADE SWEPT A PATH THRU THE GATHERING MOSLEMS! THEN THE CRUSADER REACHED DE MONTFORT'S INFORMANT...

THIS WAS A DANGEROUS AND GALLANT MISSION YOU UNDERTOOK! BUT MY MEN SURROUND YOU, AND EVEN SUCH A FIGHTING MAN AS THOU CAN NOT OVERCOME SUCH NUMBERS!
AYE, SALADIN, BUT I AM READY TO FIGHT!

ONCE YOU GAVE ME MY LIFE! I RETURN THAT GESTURE NOW! GO BACK TO YOUR KING! TELL HIM THAT THIS TRAITOR WILL REPLACE THE PRISONER YOU RESCUED! HE IS DESTINED FOR THE PRISONER'S BENCH IN A MOSLEM GALLEY!
THOU ART A TRUE KNIGHT, SALADIN!

GREAT WAS MIGHTY RICHARD'S JOY AT SIR CRUSADER'S SAFE RETURN...

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER IN DE MONTFORT'S TENT...

TO SALADIN... A TRUE AND GALLANT GENTLEMAN! AND TO THE CRUSADER...
ONLY YOU COULD HAVE RESCUED ME FROM THE MOSLEMS... AND SAVE THE PRECIOUS MAP I WORE!

THERE, TRAITOR! THE SWORD OF THY HENCHMAN! BE WARNED, DE MONTFORT! AMBITION PRESSES YOU TOO FAR AND COULD END IN THY DEATH! BEWARE!
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Sire," the guard explained.

King Richard stared resignedly at the two guards, then paced to the flap of the tent and called Sir Robert.

"Double the searching guards," he shouted into the blackness. "And tell them there will be an extra reward for him who first brings the spy to me here in my tent."

The king noted the extra activity outside in the ranks with satisfaction, then dismissed the two guards before him and sat back on his couch waiting for word of the escaped intruder.

Soon he heard from afar the cries of the guards coming closer and louder with excitement.

"At last," he breathed, and stood up waiting for the culprit to be brought before him. The flap of the tent soon opened, and the turbaned native was thrown down at Richard's feet.

"Your highness," Sir Robert asked, "with your permission, may I question the prisoner?"

At the nod of the king's head, Sir Robert faced the Moslem who was sitting crosslegged before him.

"Where are you from?"

The prisoner made no reply.

"Who sent you? What have you learned? Where is the body of Saladin's forces?"

But to these questions, and many more, the native refused to reply, his eyes staring straight ahead, his lips closed in resolution.

"Leave me with him," King Richard advised Sir Robert. "Leave us alone, and *I* shall deal with this one."

"But, your majesty, the danger . . ."

"He is unarmed, as you see," the king motioned. "Station your men outside, so that if I should call, you may enter quickly. Now go!"

The king and the prisoner watched the guards and knights disappear through the opening of the tent, and when they were gone, Richard turned slowly to the alert native.

"Blondell," he whispered softly. "It is you at last!"

"My liege, Richard," spoke the prisoner quickly, and removed his turban and placed himself on one knee before the king.

"Arise, lad, arise," Richard told him. "Your mission has been successful, I can see by your face. You have accomplished the deed?"

"I have, for you, Richard, and for England." His light hair shone in the torchlight and the dye on his face ended abruptly at his turban line.

"And speak then, boy, what of Saladin and his armies?"

"They are massing beyond the hills but three hours away."

"Beyond the hills, then," Richard echoed surprised.

"They think to surprise your majesty's troops by attacking from the East . . . the time, tomorrow morning, just after sunrise."

Richard's face relaxed in relief. "I would not have thought it," he muttered. "We had expected them from the sea . . . to the Westward of us."

"There is just time enough to regroup your men," Blondell spoke quietly and with urgency. "I have just time to get back to the camp of the enemy and report, falsely, of our army's whereabouts. At dawn tomorrow, they will walk into your trap."

"Of all my true knights, you are the only one who had the skill and prowess to have played your role as counter-spy," Richard declared feelingly.

Blondell bowed his head before the king in gratitude.

"Go now . . . but first, it is necessary that there be another ruse to make good your 'escape' from my tent."

The king surprisingly tore his silken sleeve from his jacket and mussed his hair. Then, as Blondell watched amazed, Richard sprawled on the rich carpeting of his tent, and then explained . . .

"Now, it shall appear to the guards as if you had caught me unawares and struck me to the floor. I shall feign unconsciousness and when I 'awake' in a few moments, you shall be on your way back to the camp of Saladin."

"Until tomorrow, Blondell," Richard whispered. "When you shall return to our camp again as your true self . . . to help us celebrate the great victory against the hordes of Saladin."

The tent was silent, but after a few moments, Sir Robert heard moans coming from the chambers of the king.

"Hearken," he cried, and rushed through the canopied entrance just in time to see Richard rise wearily from the carpet.

"GUARDS," Sir Robert shouted. "After him . . . for the king!"

"Think not of me, gentle Sir," the king advised. "Think only now of England . . . and summon the knights immediately to my chambers. There shall be a new battle plan this night. And something tells me we all will be seeing the green earth of our homes in England before too long."

THE END H-5

Black Knight

IT WAS THE DAY OF HARVEST, AND, AS WAS HIS CUSTOM, KING ARTHUR HAD RIDDEN ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE OF OLD ENGLAND TO DISTRIBUTE THE FRUITS OF THE FIELDS TO HIS PEOPLE! THEN, NEAR THE COAST, FRENCH AND SICILIAN PIRATES ATTACKED FROM OUT OF THE DUSK... AND WITH THIS ATTACK, THE COURT OF CAMELOT AND THE PEACE THAT WAS MERRY ENGLAND'S, TOTTERED ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!

THE ATTACK WAS QUICK! WITHOUT ARMOR AND OVERWHELMED BY NUMBERS, THE KING'S ATTENDANTS WERE SOON UNDONE!

CHAIN THESE TWO TO THE GALLEY BENCHES! THE YOUNG LADY MUST NOT BE HARMED!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU VILLAIN! THIS, I, PENDRAGON, SWEAR!

IN THE SHADOWS OF THE NEARBY TREES, SIR MODRED, NEPHEW TO THE KING, AWAITED THE PIRATE CHIEF...
WELL DONE, LE PONNEAU! REMEMBER, IT IS OUR BARGAIN THAT ARTHUR NEVER REACH LAND AGAIN!
OUI, MONSIEUR! THE PAYMENT NOW!
'TIS GOLD WELL SPENT! NOW YOU MUST STRIKE ME, BUT LIGHTLY, SO IT WILL APPEAR THAT I FOUGHT WELL FOR MY LEIGE LORD!
AS YOU WISH, MONSIEUR!
SO IT IS! BUT A BIT HARDER THAN YOU HAD SUPPOSED, MONSIEUR! FOR SUCH AS YOU I DO NOT TRUST, UNTIL OUR SHIP IS WELL AWAY FROM SHORE!
LEAVING MODRED ON THE BRINK OF CONSCIOUSNESS, THE PIRATE LEADER LEAPED ABOARD HIS CRAFT...
THESE BRUTISH PERSONS... THIS TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT! I FEAR I SHALL SWOON!
CANST THOU NOT AT LEAST PRETEND TO BE A MAN BEFORE THESE VILLAINS, SIR PERCY?
YOU WILL MAKE A FINE EXHIBIT ON MY ISLAND OF LA SOIRE! MY PEOPLE WILL SEE HOW SOFT THE KING OF OUR ENGLISH ENEMIES IS!
GIVE THE LADY THE CABIN! THESE TWO CHAIN TO THE BENCH!
NO! I WITHER... I FAINT! UNHAND ME, BRUTES! CANNOT YOU SEE HOW DELICATE I AM?
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THEN SUDDENLY, WITH SURPRISING STRENGTH, THE WEAKLING, SIR PERCY, BROKE FREE...

HOLD HIM, YOU FOOLS!

STOP THAT CUB!

DARTS AND ARROWS HUMMED AND SPLASHED LIKE FLYING FISH! THEN SIR PERCY'S HEAD DISAPPEARED IN THE BLACK WATERS!

WELL DONE, ARCHERS! HURRY THE ROWERS! WE MUST MAKE LA SOIRE BEFORE MORNING!

ON THE SHORE, A WET AND FURIOUS SIR PERCY SAW A GLEAM IN THE DARK AND FOUND HIS KING'S FAMOUS SWORD EXCALIBUR!

THIS SMACKS OF MODRED'S UNDERHANDED TRICKERY! I MUST TO CAMELOT WITH ALL DISPATCH AND REACH MERLIN!

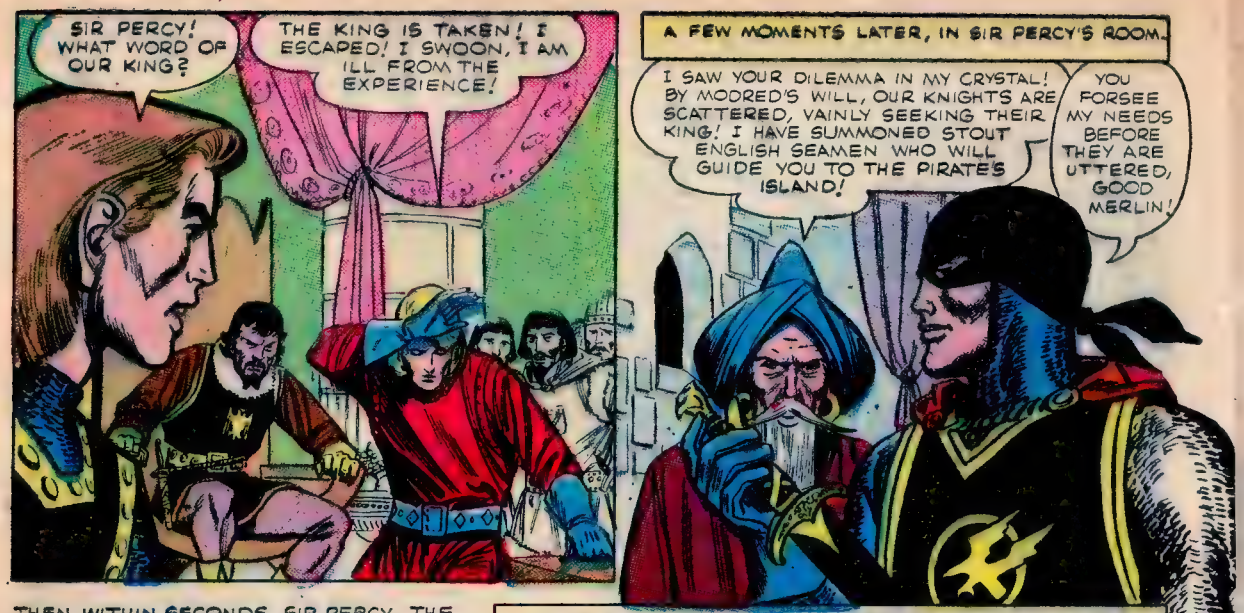
AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN CASTLE CAMELOT...

BUT YOU ARE HURT, MY LORD!

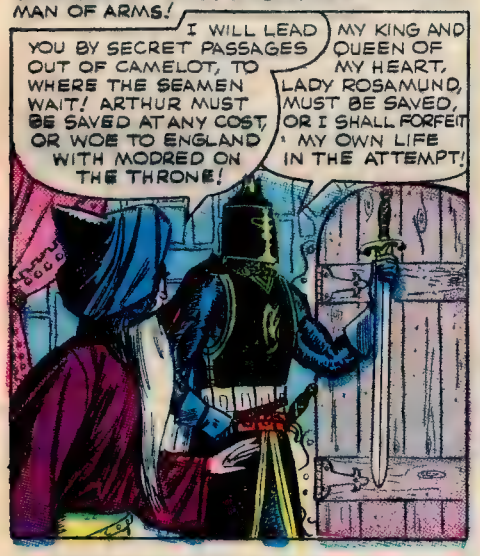
NAY, MY HURTS MATTER NAUGHT! I AM PROUD THEY WERE GOTTEN IN ATTEMPTING TO AID MY LORD! NOW WE MUST ORGANIZE AND SEND SEARCHING PARTIES OUT TO FIND TRACE OF OUR KING! LANCELOT, GALAHAD, SOUND THE ALARM!

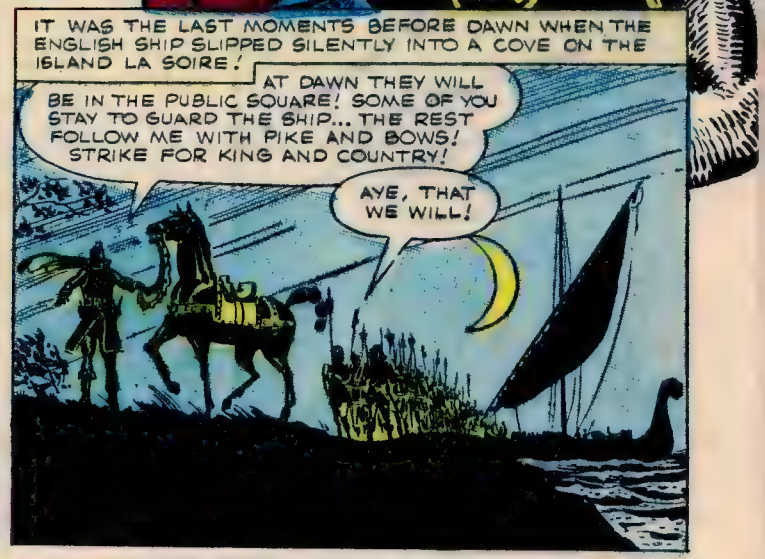
THIS WAS THE FACE OF AN ACTOR! FOR NO SIGN OF THE TRIUMPH, THE GLOATING, APPEARED UPON THE VISAGE OF TREACHEROUS MODRED WHO AT LAST SAT UPON THE THRONE HE HAD LONG COVETED!

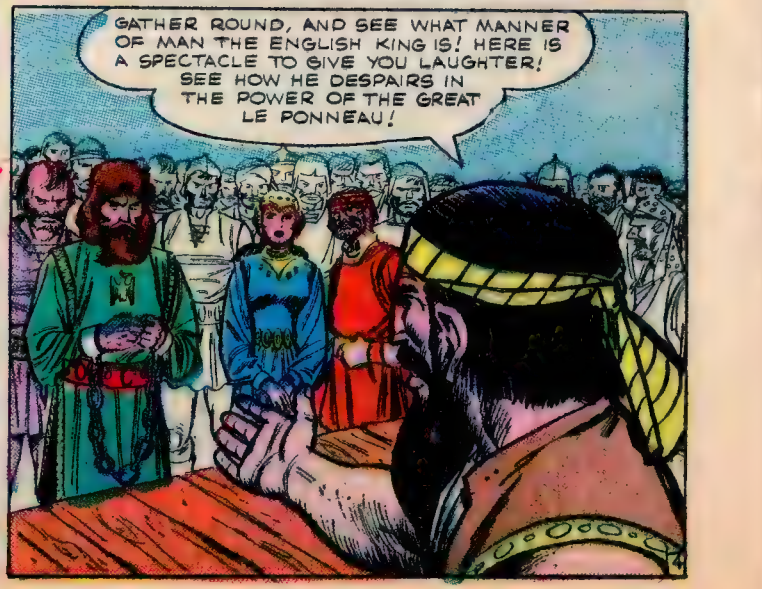
AND I SHALL SIT UPON THE THRONE AND GUARD ENGLAND UNTIL OUR KING IS RETURNED TO US!


SIR PERCY! WHAT WORD OF OUR KING?
THE KING IS TAKEN! I ESCAPED! I SWOON, I AM ILL FROM THE EXPERIENCE!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, IN SIR PERCY'S ROOM.
I SAW YOUR DILEMMA IN MY CRYSTAL! BY MODRED'S WILL, OUR KNIGHTS ARE SCATTERED, VAINLY SEEKING THEIR KING! I HAVE SUMMONED STOUT ENGLISH SEAMEN WHO WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE PIRATE'S ISLAND!
YOU FORSEE MY NEEDS BEFORE THEY ARE UTTERED, GOOD MERLIN!

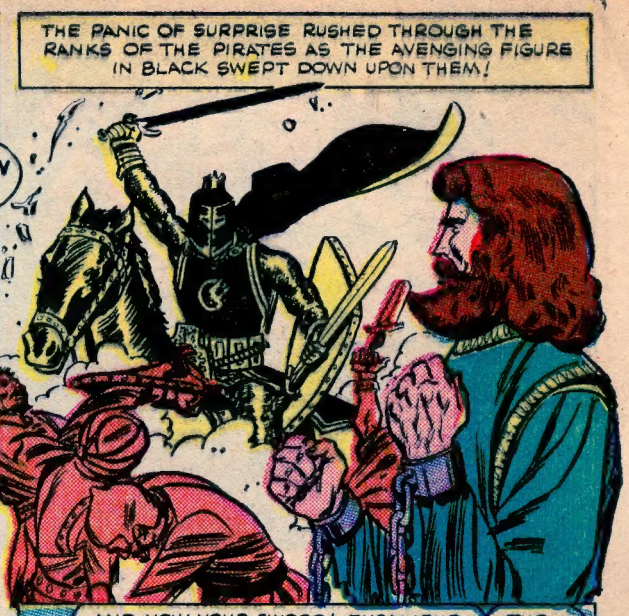
THEN WITHIN SECONDS, SIR PERCY, THE "COWARD," THE "WEAKLING," IS TRANSFORMED INTO ***THE BLACK KNIGHT,*** SCOURGE OF EVIL, ENGLAND'S MIGHTIEST MAN OF ARMS!


I WILL LEAD YOU BY SECRET PASSAGES OUT OF CAMELOT, TO WHERE THE SEAMEN WAIT! ARTHUR MUST BE SAVED AT ANY COST, OR WOE TO ENGLAND WITH MODRED ON THE THRONE!
MY KING AND QUEEN OF MY HEART, LADY ROSAMUND, MUST BE SAVED, OR I SHALL FORFEIT MY OWN LIFE IN THE ATTEMPT!

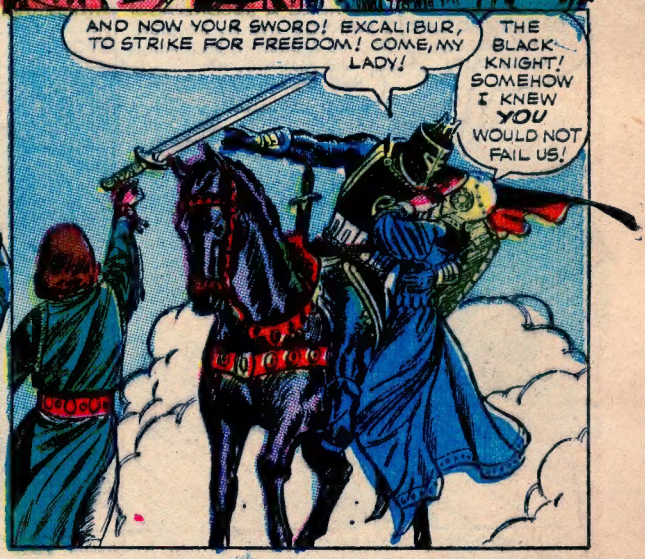

IT WAS THE LAST MOMENTS BEFORE DAWN WHEN THE ENGLISH SHIP SLIPPED SILENTLY INTO A COVE ON THE ISLAND LA SOIRE!
AT DAWN THEY WILL BE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE! SOME OF YOU STAY TO GUARD THE SHIP... THE REST FOLLOW ME WITH PIKE AND BOWS! STRIKE FOR KING AND COUNTRY!
AYE, THAT WE WILL!


GATHER ROUND, AND SEE WHAT MANNER OF MAN THE ENGLISH KING IS! HERE IS A SPECTACLE TO GIVE YOU LAUGHTER! SEE HOW HE DESPAIRS IN THE POWER OF THE GREAT LE PONNEAU!

NOW! STRIKE FOR PENDRAGON!
PENDRAGON FOREVER!

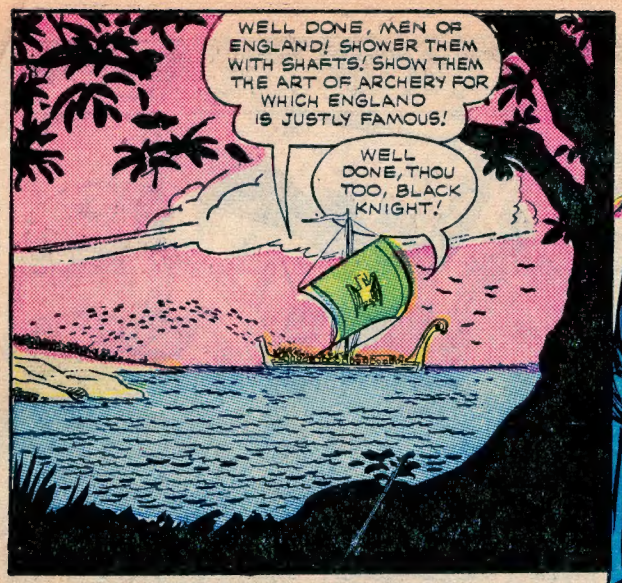

THE PANIC OF SURPRISE RUSHED THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE PIRATES AS THE AVENGING FIGURE IN BLACK SWEPT DOWN UPON THEM!

IN THAT FURIOUS CHARGE, THE BLACK KNIGHT WON THROUGH TO ARTHUR! THE EBON BLADE THAT NOTHING COULD WITHSTAND, FLASHED DOWNWARD...
YOUR CHAINS, SIR!


AND NOW YOUR SWORD! EXCALIBUR, TO STRIKE FOR FREEDOM! COME, MY LADY!
THE BLACK KNIGHT! SOMEHOW I KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL US!

WHAT MORTALS COULD STAND AGAINST THOSE TWO MIGHTY BLADES WHIRLED IN THE FURY OF RIGHTEOUS WRATH!

BACK TO THE SHIP! STRIKE, LADS, FOR THY KING!


WELL DONE, MEN OF ENGLAND! SHOWER THEM WITH SHAFTS! SHOW THEM THE ART OF ARCHERY FOR WHICH ENGLAND IS JUSTLY FAMOUS!
WELL DONE, THOU TOO, BLACK KNIGHT!

MY SWORD, MY LIFE, IS EVER AT THE SERVICE OF MY LORD!
NAY, RISE! THOUGH I HAVE NEVER BEHELD THY FACE, YET TO ME THOU ART MORE THAN FRIEND, MORE THAN BROTHER! THOU ART THE SYMBOL OF THE STRENGTH, THE GOODNESS OF MY ENGLAND!

THE KING! THE KING HAS RETURNED! LET THE BELLS RING OUT!
THE BLACK KNIGHT... HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO! I WANTED HIM BY MY SIDE IN THIS MOMENT, BUT ALAS, AS ALWAYS, HE HAS DISAPPEARED!

AN HOUR LATER IN THE BANQUET HALL, A GREAT FEAST WAS HELD TO CELEBRATE THE GOOD MONARCH'S RETURN! AND IN THAT THRONG NO ONE SEEMED HAPPIER AT THIS EVENT THAN MODRED!
MY HEART IS FULL AT YOUR RETURN, MY LEIGE LORD!
SIR PERCY! I THOUGHT I SAW YOU SLAIN BY PIRATE ARROWS!

NAY, MY LORD! FEAR PROPELLED ME THROUGH THE WATER LIKE A FISH! I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER RECOVER FROM SUCH A DREADFUL EXPERIENCE! YET I MUST COME TO SING AN ODE IN HONOR OF YOUR DELIVERANCE!
WHAT MANNER OF WEAKLING IS HE? THOSE HANDS, SO SKILLFUL AT THE STRINGS, YET LIMP WITH FEAR AT THE TOUCH OF A SWORD! WHAT A CONTRAST BETWEEN HIM AND THE BLACK KNIGHT!

THE NOBLE CAPTIVE DID SLAY THE PIRATE KNAVE, AND DELIVER THE LADY TO WHOM I AM SLAVE... WHILE RIGHTEOUS MODRED, WITH METHOD DEVIOUS, SAT ON THE THRONE IN MANNER PROVED PREVIOUS!
BAH!
POOF!

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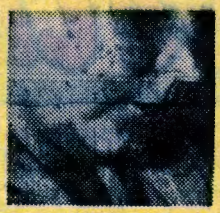
BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.

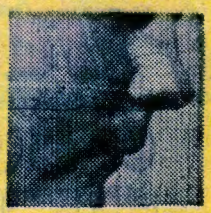
AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!



BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.



AFTER

Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne . . . and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex . . . was completely relieved."—P. S.

"I have been completely satisfied with your lotion to help clear up the pimples on my face."—K. W.

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